

MERCER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF
OCTOBER 21, 2024 BOARD MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT:	RODNEY BOBBY	DAVID LENGEL
	SHANE NUGENT	AIMEE PETERS
	DEREK STOTSKY	STEVEN VanWOERT
	J. JARRETT WHALEN	

MEMBERS ABSENT:	ARTHUR AMOS	MATTHEW HAZI
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OTHERS PRESENT:	DR. RONALD R. ROWE, JR, SUPERINTENDENT
	DR. MICHAEL G. PIDDINGTON, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
	ERIC MAUSSER, MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
	GREGORY ACRE, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
	AMANDA SIMPSON, ASSISTANT MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
	SHIRLEY SPIEGEL, ASSISTANT ELEM. PRINCIPAL/SPEC. EDUC. COORD.
	MICHAEL STABILE, BUSINESS MANAGER/BOARD SECRETARY

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. David Lengel, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school library. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. There were seven members present.

MINUTES FROM SEPT. 16, 2024:

On a motion by Rodney Bobby, second by Shane Nugent, the Board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of September 16, 2024. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

TREASURERS REPORT, BILLS, FINANCIAL STATE.:

On a motion by Shane Nugent, second by Aimee Peters, the Board approved the Treasurer's Report, all bills as listed and financial statements as presented. On a roll call vote, members Whalen, Bobby, Lengel, Nugent, Peters, and VanWoert voted yes. Member Stotsky abstained.

Motion: Passed

PERSONNEL:

Resignation:

On a motion by Derek Stotsky, second by Aimee Peters, the Board accepted, with regret, the resignation of Mrs. Kerry VanWoert as a middle school assistant track coach, effective immediately. On a voice vote, all members voted yes.

Hire:

On a motion by Steven VanWoert, second by Derek Stotsky, the Board approved the following hires. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 21, 2024 BOARD MEETING (Continued):

PERSONNEL: (Continued)

Hire:

Approved Mrs. Allison Shealy as a van driver at a rate of \$75/day, pending clearances.

Approved hiring the following weekend boiler operators.

- Mark Shoemaker at \$10.00/hour
- Dylan Hetrick at \$10.00/hour

WINTER COACHES:

On a motion by Shane Nugent, second by David Lengel, the Board approved the 2024-25 Winter Coaches, per the attached list, pending clearances. On a roll call vote, members Stotsky, Whalen, Bobby, Lengel, Nugent, and VanWoert voted yes. Member Peters abstained.

Motion: Passed

EDUCATIONAL STAFFING SOLUTIONS (ESS):

Hire/Resignations:

On a motion by Aimee Peters, second by Shane Nugent, the Board approved hiring substitute teachers, aides & paraprofessionals and/or accept, with regret, the resignation of such employees submitted by Educational Staffing Solutions, as attached. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT:

On a motion by Rodney Bobby, second by John J. Whalen, the Board approved the following requests for staff development. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

Approved Mr. Tyler Hile and Mrs. Michelle Santom to attend a Health and PE Workshop on Friday, November 22, 2024 at MIU4. The only cost to the district is two substitute teachers for the day. (\$200)

Approved Mr. Michael Stabile to attend the PASBO Conference in Hershey, PA on March 11 – 14, 2025. Total cost to the district is \$881.00.

STUDENT TRAVEL:

On a motion by Steven VanWoert, second by Derek Stotsky, the Board approved the following requests for student travel. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

Approved Mr. Doug Schmid to accompany the Tech Ed club to Baird Brothers and East Coast Chair and Barstool on Tuesday, November 19, 2024. The only cost to the district is the use of a school van and a substitute teacher for the day. (\$100)

Approved Mr. Eric Mausser or Mrs. Amanda Simpson to accompany the RYLA students to the Rotary Luncheon on Wednesday, October 23, 2024. The only cost to the district is the use of a school van.

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FACILITIES:

On a motion by J. Jarrett Whalen, second by Aimee Peters, the Board approved the following facilities requests:

Approved for Mr. Buck Baldwin to use the Mercer Elementary Gymnasium and Mercer Elementary Cafeteria to host 14U and 15U Mercer Club Volleyball practices, scrimmages, and open gym sessions for Mercer Elementary, middle, JV and varsity players between December 2024 and March 2025. Availability will be determined by the athletic director.

Approved for Mr. Buck Baldwin to use the Mercer Elementary Gymnasium and Mercer Elementary Cafeteria to host a 14U and 17U Volleyball Tournament from 7:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. on March 8 & 9, 2025. Visitors will be charged \$5.00 for admission. All aspects of the facilities policy will be followed.

Approved Mercer Midget Football to use the high school cafeteria for their banquet on Tuesday, November 12, 2024. All aspects of the facilities policy will be followed.

Approval for the Mercer Elementary Student Council and the Positivity and Kindness Krew (PAKK) to host a holiday feast dinner for elementary families, in the elementary cafeteria, on Thursday, December 19, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Approved the Shenango Valley Chapter of Wrestling Officials to use the LGI on the following dates: (November 3, December 8 & 15, 2024, January 5 & 19, and February 22, 2025) All aspects of the facilities policy will be followed.

Approved for Student Council to hold a 5K color run on the middle/high school campus on Sunday, April 13, 2025. All aspects of the facilities policy will be followed.

MIU4 SPEECH/LANGUAGE SERVICES:

On a motion by Rodney Bobby, second by Shane Nugent, the Board approved an agreement with Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV for speech & language services from October 15, 2024 to November 26, 2024, as attached. On a roll call vote, members Lengel, Nugent, Peters, Stotsky, VanWoert, Whalen and Bobby voted yes.

Motion: Passed

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT W/GROVE CITY FOR SWIMMING:

On a motion by Rodney Bobby, second by Shane Nugent, the Board approved continuation of the cooperative agreement with the Grove City Area School District for boys' & girls' swimming & diving for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years, per the attached. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

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MIU4 IDEA-B SECTION 611 PASS THROUGH ACCTS:

On a motion by Shane Nugent, second by Rodney Bobby, the Board approved an agreement between Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV and Mercer Area School District, for the use, reporting and audit of Pass Through Funds, associated with IDEA-B Section 611, in the amount of \$277,923.65. On a roll call vote, members Nugent, Peters, Stotsky, VanWoert, Whalen, Bobby, and Lengel voted yes.

Motion: Passed

MIU4 IDEA SECTION 619:

On a motion by Shane Nugent, second by Aimee Peters, the Board approved an agreement between Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV and Mercer Area School District, for IDEA-Section 619, in the amount of \$1,185.00 for the 2024-25 school year. On a roll call vote, members Peters, Stotsky, VanWoert, Whalen, Bobby, Lengel, and Nugent voted yes.

Motion: Passed

MIU SERVICES AND USE OF MASD VAN FOR TRANSPORTATION:

On a motion by Shane Nugent, second by David Lengel, the Board approved Mrs. Kimberly Paglia, MIU4 employee, to use a school van to transport one (1) Mercer student, once each quarter, to receive services provided by MIU4 during the 2024-2025 school year (dates & times TBD). Mrs. Paglia has provided all required documentation to the school district to utilize a school van. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL CEREMONY:

On a motion by Rodney Bobby, second by Steven VanWoert, the Board granted approval for Mr. Eric Mausser, Mrs. Shelley Rowe, and Dr. Ronald Rowe to attend the NBRS (National Blue Ribbon School) Awards Ceremony in Washington D.C. on November 7 & 8, 2024. Total cost to the district will include lodging, meals and transportation. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

UTILITY TRAILER PURCHASE:

On a motion by Steven VanWoert, second by Aimee Peters, the Board approved the purchase of a utility trailer from TrailersPlus Pittsburgh North, in the amount of \$3,831.15. On a voice vote, members Stotsky, VanWoert, Whalen, Bobby, Lengel, Nugent, and Peters all voted yes.

Motion: Passed

TRI-COUNTY INDUSTRIES, INC. (Waste/Recycling Removal)

On a motion by Shane Nugent, second by Aimee Peters, the Board approved of a five-year renewal with Tri-County Industries, Inc., for waste and recycling removal services. The contract begins December 31, 2024. Tri-County, our current vendor, was the only company to submit an RFP. On a roll call vote, members VanWoert, Whalen, Bobby, Lengel, Nugent, Peters, and Stotsky voted yes.

Motion: Passed

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TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE:

On a motion by Rodney Bobby, second by J. Jarrett Whalen, the Board approved of the attached 2025 TCC (Tax Collection Committee) Delegate Appointment Resolution, effective January 1, 2025. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

SET DECEMBER RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING DATE:

The board selected Thursday, December 5, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the middle/high school auditorium as the re-organization meeting. The work session will begin at 5:15 p.m. and the Blue Ribbon Ceremony will begin at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no additional business, J. Jarrett Whalen motioned to adjourn the meeting, Aimee Peters seconded. On a voice vote, all members voted yes.

Michael H. Stabile, Board Secretary

David R. Lengel, Board President